

Superior Coal Mines,
Wooden Structure
Sections 28, 29, T21N, R102W
Horse Thief Canyon
Old Superior Mines and Townsite
about 1/4 mile north of South Superior
Sweetwater County *South Superior vicinity*
Wyoming

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Wood Structure: Site 48SW4068, Structure C (SE/NW/SW/SE Section 20, T21N, R102W 12/667800E/4626420N)

The locality consists of a wood frame (Structure C) structure with an associated dugout, automobile garage (Structure D). The structure is located along the east slope of a south to north trending finger ridge which extends into the valley of Horse Thief Draw approximately 1 mile northwest of Superior. The dugout garage is located directly north of the wood structure.

The wood structure (Structure C) is rectangular in shape with the long axis oriented from east to west. The overall dimensions of the structure are 26 feet 8 inches east to west by 14 feet 9 inches north to south. The structure has a flat roof which slopes downward to the west. The roof is covered with green asphalt tar paper. The foundation of the building consists of 8 inch x 8 inch milled lumber beams resting on uncut dry laid sandstone slabs. The walls consist of milled lumber planks secured to a frame of 2 inch x 4 inch boards with metal nails.

Access to Structure C is through a doorway near the north end of the east elevation. The doorway has been removed. A second opening was also noted in the east elevation. This opening was a window. The window has had all glass as well as the wooden surrounds removed. Two openings were noted in the south elevation. Both were windows. The first of these is located at the east end of the south elevation. The glass and wood surrounds have been removed. The second window is located near the center of the west elevation. The window is a two over double hung window with wooden frame and plain surrounds. The glass has been removed. One opening was noted in the north elevation. This opening is a window which is also a two over double hung window with wooden frames and plain surrounds. It, too, is missing its glass.

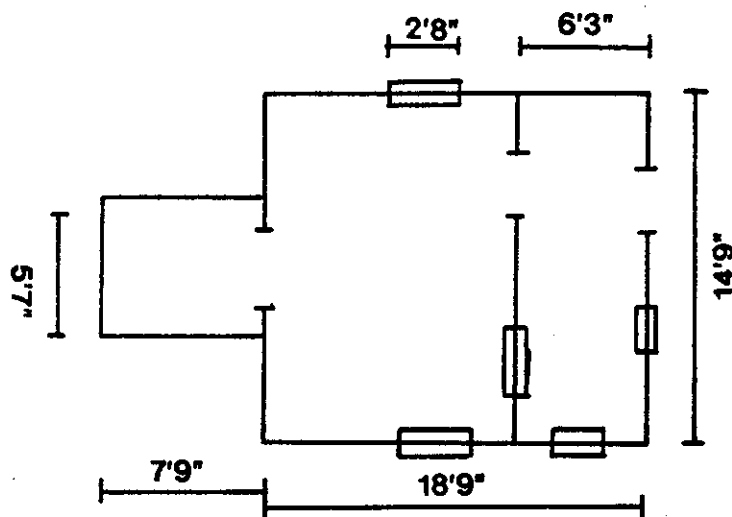
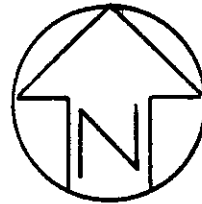
The interior of Structure C is divided into three rooms, an eastern room or porch, a large central room, and a small west room excavated back into the hillside. The east room is rectangular with the long axis running north to south. Its overall dimensions are 14 feet 3 inches by 6 feet 0 inches. The height from the floor to the roof is 6 feet 9 inches. The floor of the room consists of milled lumber boards. The walls consist of the wood frame and exterior wood planking of which much of the eastern wall has been removed. The western wall serves to separate the east room from the center room. This dividing wall has two openings. A doorway which provides access from the east room to the center room is located near the north edge of the wall. The door has been removed. A second opening is located near the south edge of the dividing wall. The window has had its glass and frames removed.

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The center room is rectangular in shape with the axis running from north to south. The dimensions are 13 feet 10 inches by 11 feet 7 inches. The height of the room ranges from 8 feet 6 inches at its east end to 5 feet 7 inches at the west end. The floor consists of milled lumber boards. The walls consist of the wooden frame and exterior boards and the roof consists of the wooden 2 inch x 4 inch board rafters. The northwest corner of the structure contains a small fireplace. The fireplace consists of a stack of concrete blocks with a small hole in the south side of the lowest two blocks. A vertical shaft runs up through the center of the stack of blocks which extends through the roof forming a chimney. The entire stack of cement blocks is supported by four 2 inch x 2 inch wooden legs which hold the blocks 4 feet 5 inches off the floor.

The third room in Structure C has been excavated into the hillside west of the structure. Access to this room is through a doorway in the center of the west wall. The door has been removed. The room had a roof which was an extension of the roof of the main structure, however, the roof collapsed and has been partially removed. This has allowed sediments to partially fill the room and cover the floor. The walls of the west room consist of dry laid uncut sandstone slabs chinked with mud.

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1/4"=1'0"



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